Statement

Year-wise Number of Family type Biogas Plants installed under NBMMP in Tamil Nadu during the last Five Years

S.No.	Year	No. of Plants Installed
1.	2004-05	2146
2.	2005-06	1837
3.	2006-07	1745
4.	2007-08	1636
5.	2008-09	1711
	TOTAL	9075

Grid electricity in remote villages and remote hamlets

3498. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether grid electricity is unlikely to reach in 24,418 remote villages and remote hamlets by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for electrification of the villages and hamlets and the funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether Government's Common Minimum Programme (CMP) envisages electrification of all households by 2009; and

(d) if so, the measures taken to achieve the CMP?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) On the basis of information provided by the state government agencies for renewable energy, the number of remote unelectrified census villages where grid was not likely to reach was tentatively estimated during 2003-04 at 24,418. Subsequently, Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana was initiated by Ministry of Power for electrification of all unelectrified villages. The remote villages and remote hamlets where grid connectivity may not be feasible are shortlisted by the respective state governments and endorsed by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), which is the apex implementing agency for Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana. So far around 8650 such remote villages and hamlets have been identified.

(b) The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is implementing a programme for providing financial assistance to the state implementing agencies for providing lighting/basic electricity in remote villages and remote hamlets through renewable energy sources. Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of upto 90% of the cost of the systems subject to the pre-specified maximum amounts is provided for approved projects. For the 11th Plan, an outlay of Rs.867.89 crores has been approved.

(c) The National Common Minimum Programme of the previous Government envisaged to provide access to electricity to all rural households in 5 years.

(d) The Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana of Ministry of Power targets to complete the sanctioned 1,18,499 villages by the end of the 11th Plan while the Remote Village Electrification Programme of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has set a target of covering 10,000 remote villages and remote hamlets during the same period.

Transmission losses

†3499. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loss of power is a nation-wide problem;

(b) the details of the percentage of transmission and distribution losses, State wise;

(c) whether Government would propose to provide soft loan to the State generation divisions for strengthening the infrastructure to reduce transmission losses;

(d) whether the experiment of electronic meters has been a success to check distribution losses;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government has received any reports about procurement of substandard material by the transmission and distribution corporations from any source and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the proposed arrangement for improvement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) T & D losses as measure of grid losses were replaced with AT&C losses for better clarity and to capture commercial losses. States/UT wise Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 as contained in the 6th 'Report on Performance of State Power Utilities' published by Power Finance Corporation are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. However, the Government of India launched Restructured APDRP in July, 2008 as a Central Sector Scheme for XI Plan. The focus of the programme is on actual, demonstrable performance in terms of loss reduction. Projects under the scheme to be taken up in two parts. Part-A is the projects for establishment of baseline data and IT applications for energy accounting/auditing & IT based consumer service centres. The objective of the scheme is to reduce the AT&C losses to 15% in the project areas at the end of the scheme. The Utilities are also to achieve the following target of AT&C loss reduction at utility level:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.